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New members

The National Honor Society at Romulus High School recently inducted 12 new members. The new members won membership in the group based on their high grades and the ability to maintain those while taking on several extracurricular activities. The new members, all of whom are seniors, are (left to right): Parliamentarian Brittney Garrison, Treasurer Megan Bearman, President Doloris Garry, Vice President Jessica Workman, and Secretary Lindsay Beregsasy.

Suspect in bank robbery released

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

Romulus Police have released a suspect they had in custody in connection with the robbery of the Parkway Federal Credit Union May 17 that led to a long investigation and lockdown of several area schools.

Police Det. Lt. John Leacher said there was too little evidence connecting the Westland man to a robbery committed by another suspect.

"We just didn't have enough to charge him with the robbery, but (the) Wayne County (Sheriff's

Department) is seeking a warrant for a fleeing and eluding charge," he said. "The investigation has also been taken over by the FBI – they're going to be the lead investigators on the case now."

The incident began when a man barged into the credit union, which is located on the 37000 block of Ecorse Road, at 8:45 a.m., with a gun. The man, however, was not able to get any money from employees. No one at the credit union was hurt.

Later that day, the suspect had an accident on Wayne Road near Van Born Road, said

Leacher. The man took off on foot to evade police capture and led officers on a chase, Leacher said.

Police would not comment about how the suspect in the vehicle and the robber are connected, but said the investigation is ongoing.

A perimeter encompassed by Van Born Road, Beverly Road and Wayne Road, was established and closed to traffic as a result of the chase.

The investigation eventually led officers to the home of the

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Millions in loans sought

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

It's a lot more difficult for school districts to balance the books today than it was a just a few years ago.

That's the message Romulus Community Schools officials laid out for the public Monday night when District Financial Director Sherri Papazoglou asked the seven members of the school board to approve seeking a \$2.75 short-term loan to meet payroll and other expenses during the summer months.

"A lot of districts are doing this to make sure the bills are paid during the summer months," said Papazoglou. "Romulus is similar to other districts in that regard. The increases in state aid did not help us in terms of making sure the bills are paid."

Per-pupil revenue – or foundation grants – were increased to all state school districts by \$175 for each student. The problem is that essentially fixed costs have gone up at an alarming rate, and those dollars were immediately swallowed as soon as they arrived, said district spokesman Dick Kruse.

"We've never had to do this before, but other districts have," he said. "The reality is that the next state aid payments are not

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Partnership yields big results for districts

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

Students attending classes in the cities of Romulus, Wayne or Westland will have access to some of the same things for at least another year.

The Vocational and Alternative Cooperative Agreement – which is a contract between Romulus Community Schools and the Wayne Westland School District – will continue now that officials from both districts have approved the agreement. A pilot program introduced last year, the districts are

taking advantage of each other's program to fill the gaps in their own.

Joel Carr, the superintendent of Romulus Community Schools, said he thinks the trade-off of services between the two districts is more cost effective than operating independent programs.

"We both have things the other doesn't," he said "It's a good way to open up opportunities to students who may not have access to them otherwise."

Charlotte Sherman, the deputy director of Wayne-

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Needed support

Barth Elementary School Intervention Specialist Theresa Blizman was honored May 10 by State Schools Superintendent Michael Flanagan as one of five "Support Person of the Year" finalists at the monthly board meeting. Support personnel aid teachers with classroom management and intervene in classroom situations on behalf of both the teacher and students.

Area experiencing shortage of blood donors

Every spring, the American Red Cross faces a challenge: how to cope with a dwindling blood supply and an increased need.

According to Andrea Ward, spokesperson for the Southeastern Michigan Blood Services region of the American Red Cross, when high schools, colleges, and factories begin to take time off, donors dwindle. And, as warm weather beckons people outside and vacation plans draw them far from home, Ward said that the desire to take time out to donate blood often gets lost in the shuffle. It's a problem that usually peaks in July and August, but donations have already begun diminish.

"Since mid-April, we've seen an increasing shortage of O negative," she said. "We've been able to fulfill orders (from the hospitals) but it's hard to get ahead. We're left with

basically nothing on the shelves."

Several other blood types, including B negative, are more readily available, but the numbers are still considered low enough to be a concern. Although the blood supply is currently fairly stable, if low in some areas, Ward said that it takes very little to throw the system out of whack. She said that as the number of traffic accidents goes up when people hit the roads in large numbers, there is also an increase in blood usage.

"There's usually an increase around Memorial Day," she said.

The Red Cross has come with a solution with the new 'Homefront Heroes' program. In upcoming weeks, the Red Cross will offer everyone who donates blood the opportunity to write a personal thank you note to a veteran and make sure the notes reach veter-

ans. The program, which will take place at all donation sites from May 20-29, will also provide donors with a commemorative t-shirt.

"We're just trying to give people

another way to help," Ward said.

In order to donate blood, a person must be at least 17 years old, weigh at least 110 pounds, and be in general good health. It usually

takes about an hour to donate.

For more information or to schedule an appointment to donate blood, contact the Red Cross at 1-800-GIVE-LIFE.

Mobile blood drive dates and locations

Today:

2-8 p.m. at the Salvation Army in Plymouth (9451 South Main St.)

Tomorrow:

Noon-6 p.m. at the Keystone Academy in Belleville (47925 Bernis Road)

Monday:

2-8 p.m. at the VFW, Bova Engineering in Westland (6440 Hix Road)

2-8 p.m. Salem Lutheran Church in Westland (32430 Ann Arbor Trail)

Tuesday:

1-7 p.m. at Hayes Elementary in Westland (30600 Louise St.)

10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Community Living

Services in Wayne (35425 Michigan Ave.)

May 25:

2:30-8:30 p.m. at St. Michael Lutheran in Canton. (7000 North Sheldon Road)

May 26:

10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Lifetime Fitness in Canton Twp. (1700 Haggerty Road)

Donations can also be made at the Livonia Blood Donor Center, which is located at 36650 Five Mile Road. It is open from 1-7 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Friday, and from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday. Walk-ins are welcome, but appointments are available by calling 1-800-GIVE-LIFE.

Canton home fire is investigated

Firefighters responded to what investigators are calling a suspicious fire at an abandoned house in Canton last Tuesday.

At 4:43 p.m. on May 16, a fire truck returning from another call went immediately to the 300 block of S. Canton Center Road, where smoke was visible from a house.

The fire was extinguished immediately and there were no injuries.

Fire Chief Mike Rorabacher said investigators determined the

origin was arson.

"It had a definite fuel pour in the kitchen area," he said.

Rorabacher said he didn't know how long the property, just south of Cherry Hill Road, has been abandoned, although it had been scheduled for demolition before the incident.

The fire department had recently "secured the home for training purposes," as it does with many abandoned properties.

It was scheduled to be razed shortly after any training exercis-

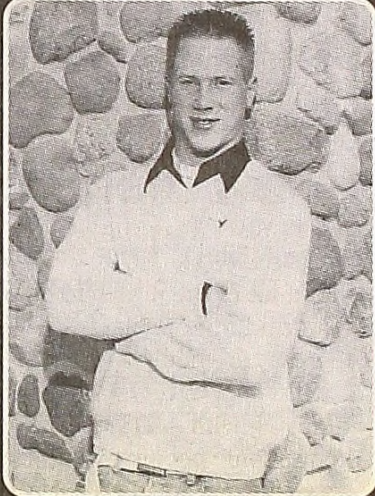
es were complete, but it appears firefighters got some real-word experience instead.

"We got some work out of it, but the traffic on the road probably didn't appreciate it though," said Rorabacher.

The township doesn't keep a list of abandoned properties, but firefighters are aware of ones that exist.

"It's something we pay attention to, because they're likely candidates for something like this," said Rorabacher.

"Pic of the Week"



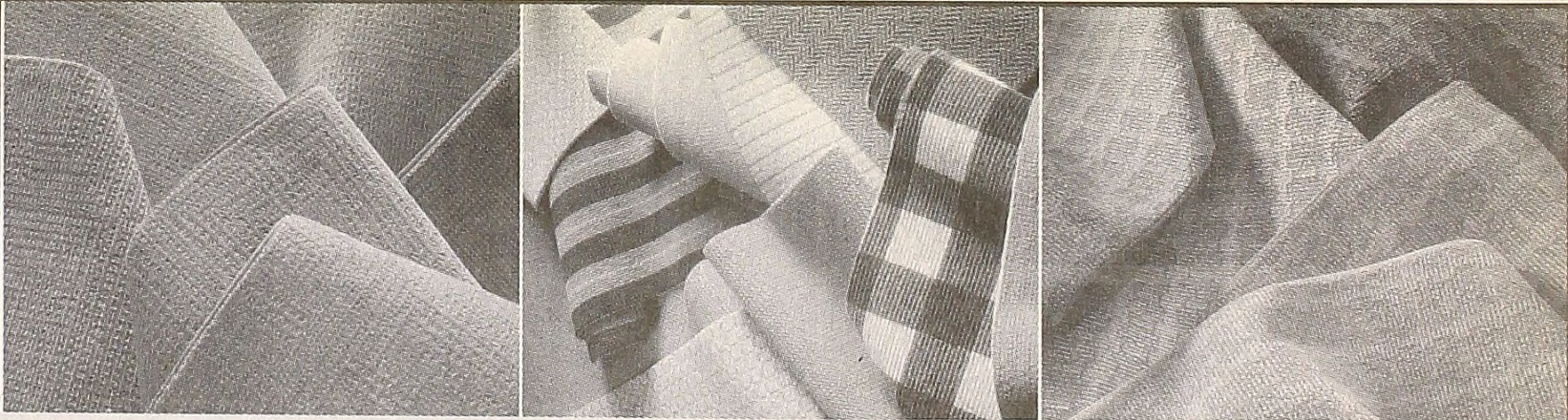
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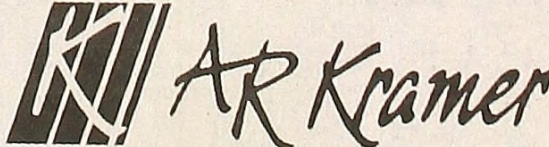
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Transitions

The Schools To Work breakfast went off without a hitch last week. Several Romulus officials took part in the program, which helps elected representatives and administrators work with other districts to learn more about what works in other places, and what could work for them. Here, (left to right) Board Trustee Cheryle Buckley is joined by Schools Superintendent Joel Carr, Trustee Celeste Roscoe, Transition Coordinator Winifred Wafer and Don Foley, a principal with the district.

Seniors learn giving with projects

Angela Harris
Staff Writer

As Samantha Chapman stood in the front of the room giving her senior project presentation, her dad cried.

He cried because he said he was really proud of his daughter and knew that she was serious about getting better.

Chapman, a senior at Romulus High School, is bulimic. For her project on bulimia in high school girls, she started a support group on-line for teens. She also saw a counselor and created a journal documenting her progress.

"I wanted people to know who I was and to understand me," Chapman said. "There are a lot of health risks and not a lot of teens think before doing it. I was so bad that I just found out that I might be sterile."

Chapman was just one of the graduating seniors who recently completed her senior project, a requirement to graduate.

As part of the project, each student was required to identify an issue, learn a new skill, produce a product and then make an impact on the community, said English teacher Serena Kessler.

Ralonda Peammon learned how to counsel children and used that skill to help teenagers at the Ozone House in Ann Arbor by educating them about AIDS and HIV. She also made a Winnie the

Pooh pillow and blanket that she donated to the house.

"When people think of Winnie the Pooh, they think of love and a lot of stuff," Peammon said. "Those kids do not receive love and a lot of them turn to depression and suicide because they feel they are being outcast."

She chose the issue of teens suffering with AIDS because she knows some people with it, which they contracted when they were teens, Peammon said. Also, she knows that a lot of teens are having unprotected sex, are not thinking about it and are just doing it because others are, she said.

The senior projects are designed to see how the teachers succeeded in preparing the students to be independent learners and thinkers, Kessler said.

"Many times, they (the students) exceed our expectations," she said.

The graduation requirement taught the students how to present to a group, manage an individual project and improve their public speaking skills.

"It taught me how to present," said Joshua Carroll. "It taught me proper people skills."

In addition, the projects are supposed to have a service aspect to them because service is part of what school administrators and teachers think is important, Kessler said.

"It gives students the chance

to meet the needs that they think are important," she said.

Dawan Jackson chose to do his project on the health risks of hazardous materials in Romulus because he and his fellow students are going to school near areas with hazardous material, he said.

The seniors are informally introduced to the project multiple times throughout the year before being given six weeks to complete their projects.

"It's one of those things that students when they got done with it can look back on and say, 'wow. I was scared of that,'" Chapman said. "It went by so quick."

Peammon agreed that the projects were not that hard to do and said she would do hers again.

"It felt good to teach the kids stuff so that they would not go astray like they were," Peammon said.

Romulus High School seniors have been obligated to complete a project prior to graduation for the past eight years, but the current layout of the requirements have only been in place for the past five, Kessler said.

Though Romulus High School requires seniors to complete these assignments, senior projects are not a statewide graduation requirement in Michigan. Currently, only Florida, North Carolina, Washington, Rhode Island and Pennsylvania require senior projects for all students.

Robbery - Schools locked down while suspect was loose

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fleeing driver in Westland, where a search warrant was executed. Boxes of evidence were removed at the scene, police said.

Once the suspect was on foot, school officials in the area were informed that police would be in the area, and the Burton Center in Romulus was placed on lockdown at the request of police, Leacher said.

"We asked them to lock down because of their proximity," he

said. "There were other schools that locked down, though," he said.

Cory and Wick elementary schools, and Romulus Middle School, also went on lockdown for most of the day, which means no one unknown to school officials was able to enter or leave the facilities.

There are some schools that are part of the Wayne-Westland School District that were in the vicinity of the foot chase, but it's unclear as to whether they were

locked down. Calls made to Wayne-Westland Superintendent of Schools Greg Baracy and Assistant Superintendent Charlotte Sherman were not immediately returned.

The FBI is currently investigating the incident because credit unions are technically federal entities. Bank robbery is a felony punishable by up to 25 years in prison.

Fleeing and eluding a police officer is a misdemeanor punishable by five years in jail.

Relay outpaces goal

Angela Harris
Staff Writer

The Belleville High School track was covered with people this weekend as hundreds participated in the Belleville Relay for Life.

The event, sponsored by the American Cancer Society, generated more than \$61,000 in donations, said Judge David Parrott, one of the organizers of the event. The total was an increase of \$7,000 from last year.

"It was a really great event," he said. "Except for the brief wind storm at 3 a.m., we had decent weather; a lot of fun and raised a lot of money and awareness."

The event, which took place from 10 a.m. Saturday to 10 a.m.

Sunday, included the traditional luminaria ceremony and silent lap. Several hundred people attended the event, Parrott said.

Several cancer survivors—including Parrott's wife—shared their stories and various volunteers read names of those who died of cancer during a power point presentation, Parrott said.

"The luminaria ceremony was really moving, to see all of the bags lit up," Parrott said.

He added that the silent lap was moving because it provided time to reflect and that the event was very successful.

"I think it will be bigger and better next year and we look forward to doing it again," Parrott said.

Loan - Funding need not uncommon

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going to come until October. There's a two and a half month period where the district would have some problems (without the loan)."

This year, the district has struggled with several increases. According to district figures, the schools are paying \$40 more per student for utilities and gasoline, \$70 for heating, \$140 for teacher raises, \$80 for health care costs, and \$110 for retirement. That equals \$440 more per student – a shortfall of more than \$265 per student, per year.

So far, school officials have been told that the state may increase per-pupil funding to \$200. The schools receive about \$7,000 per student to educate children.

The district educates about 4,300 students, which means new expenses are exceeding new revenues by more than \$1 million.

The state has been made aware by school district of funding issues, Kruse said, but the overall economic picture in Michigan is still at the point of recession, which means any significant funding increases are unlikely.

Greg Byrd, the spokesman for the State Budget Office, said relief may be on the way.

"The governor is proposing that in the 2006 fiscal year, the

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Dick Kruse

schools get a \$200 per-student raise," he said. "Now, that would have to be approved by the legislature, and they're working on that as we speak. We don't know when the school aid budget will finalized at this point, however."

Bird also said a part of Gov. Jennifer Granholm's proposal includes a \$50 million allocation to help schools with declining enrollment. If Romulus school enrollment does decline, the district may eligible for a portion of those funds.

Under the conditions of the short-term loan, an agreement will be made between the schools and a lender, and money will change hands. The schools will then tap into those funds to keep the district operating. Generally, the loans are paid back by the time the next round of state aid is deposited into the district bank account, Papazoglou said.

Though the interest rates on the loans tend to be low, that's still money that still comes from the taxpayers. The district is going out for bids for the loan to ensure the lowest interest rate possible, Papazoglou said.

Schools - Programs help trim costs

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Westland Schools, agrees.

"A good example of this would be that (Romulus) has a middle school alternative program, and we don't," she said. "I think we're sending about 10 students there. You can't run a school or a program with only 10 students, so it works out well. The costs of starting a new (middle school) program in our district would be astronomical."

The new agreement affects about 40 students, but both Carr and Sherman say they would like

to see that number increase. Though Romulus has an extensive alternative/vocational program at Community High School, they don't have the number of vocational programs Wayne-Westland houses as the massive William D. Ford Technical Center. And, the Tinker Center in Westland has adult and alternative classes – but only for high school students.

Financially speaking, neither district is profiting from the agreement.

"Financially, it's a wash," Call said.

OPINION

More than a statistic

When news leaked out recently that a Westland serviceman was wounded in Iraq, it brought that conflict a little closer to our own borders.

It helps put things in perspective, sometimes, when the people we see on television or read about in the papers are our own neighbors, friends or acquaintances.

Throughout the nation on Monday, people will pause to reflect on the sacrifices of our service men and women in conflicts throughout history.

It's a time to put aside any negative feelings of the conflict, set aside any protests, and come together as a gigantic community. Remember that these people serving are more than potential casualties, heroes or statistics. They are fathers and sons, mothers and daughters, friends.

We should all take time on Memorial Day to honor their sacrifices, whether they be simply putting their lives on hold to fight for our country, protect our freedom and hopefully spread a little peace in a troubled land, or if they have made the ultimate sacrifice.

They are brave people facing a daunting challenge and they deserve our respect.

Recall would do more harm

In the wake of the May 2 election, some voters in the Inkster School District were left confused and frustrated.

A 6-mill issue was approved by voters to fund school improvements, but many residents and some officials say they didn't know the issue would be on the ballot.

Accusations have popped up that the district advertising campaign was deceptive and some in the community have questioned whether the issue would come back to haunt members of the school board.

There have also been rumors of a proposed recall of the board. We hope that doesn't come to be.

We have some concerns about the election, too. If the district did advertise the second issue, they didn't do it as rigorously as they did the 18-mill renewal that provides a large portion of their school funding.

Even if they had not, though, the voters always have the opportunity to vote 'no' on something they don't understand or aren't familiar with.

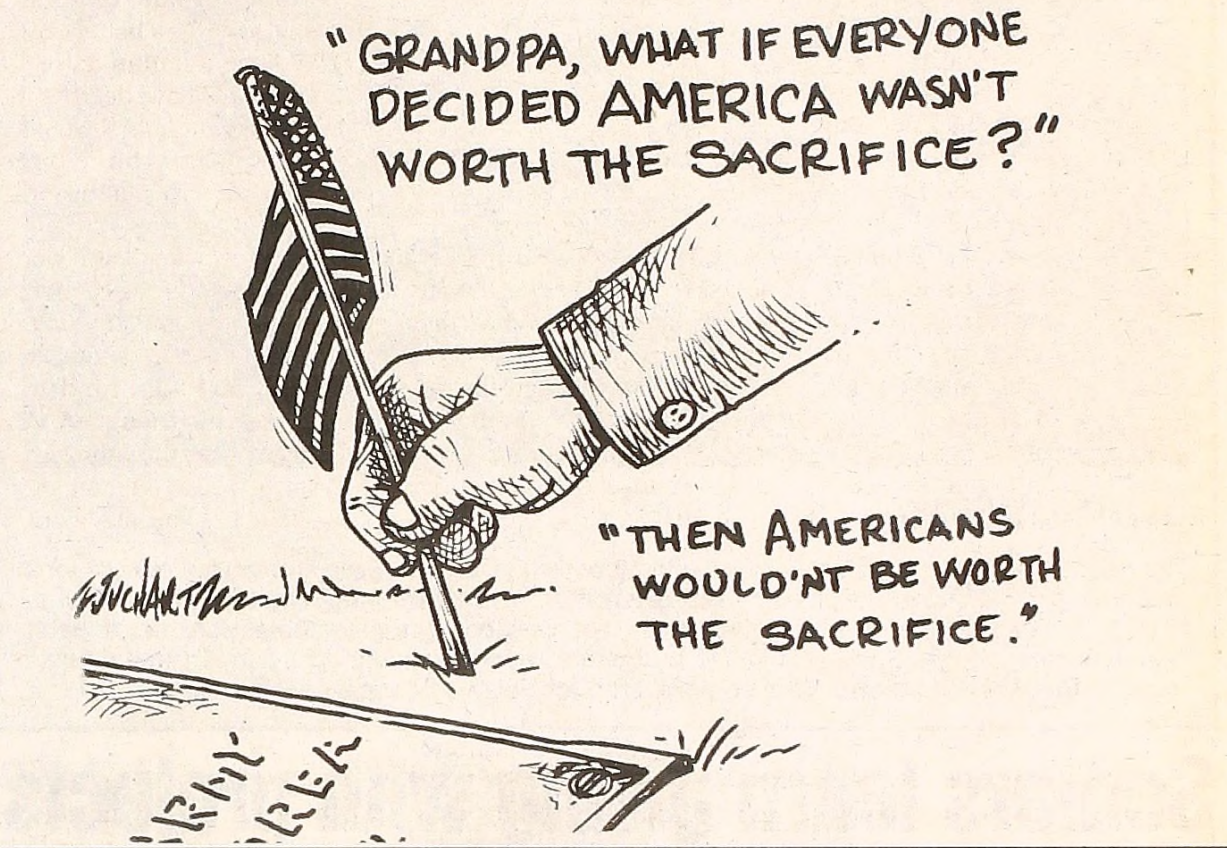
Those concerns aside, though, an attempt to recall the school board would only exacerbate the problem.

The board is at a delicate time, now, emerging from the shadow of a state-sanctioned takeover. Improvements have already been seen in areas like school test scores and through the No Child Left Behind Act.

A recall election can only be divisive in a community that doesn't need such negativity. There's simply no way to do one nicely.

A better approach would be to direct the concern about the election to the board itself. Look at the depth of the anger and see if it stems from small pockets of people or if it is a symptom of a larger problem. It could be that voters approved the measure because—and they are most likely right—the work needs to be done. It's difficult to take on large maintenance or improvement items through the traditional school budgets; districts are lucky if they get enough there to provide for the education of their students.

Residents would be better off trying to get their answers from the school board and school administration first. They—as we—need all the facts before they can take such a radical approach. If they do otherwise they run the risk of turning one problem into two.



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I'm not sure when the Monday night budget study session in the City of Wayne took on a surreal feeling, but I have a feeling it was sometime between the discussion about the coffee and the copiers. It's a sign of the times, I guess, that the city would eliminate the purchase of coffee and other beverages to try to help balance the budget and talk about consolidating copier use and selling the extras on eBay.

Mayor Al Haidous gently shook his head as he said he never thought he'd see the day where employees couldn't offer visiting dignitaries or officials a cup of coffee.

I shook my head, too, for another reason. I would think that, in a city that spend more than \$5,000 annually on the caffeinated beverage, things would get done a little more quickly.

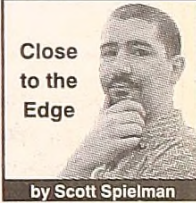
But I digress.

No matter what decisions are ultimately handed down after the public hearing and before the budget for the 2006-2007 fiscal year is approved, the city council members will certainly be able to say they went through every line item looking for ways to save money.

That's a good thing, and something municipalities everywhere should get used to doing, if they haven't started the practice already.

One item that generated a lot of discussion Monday night was the city attorney fees. The city has a budget of roughly \$160,000 a year for legal expenses, the bulk of which goes to City Attorney Dick Clark's firm. Clark is present virtually every time the city has a meeting, from study sessions and city council meetings to dangerous building hearings—right down to the department head meetings.

Pam Dobrowolski and Tom Kelly brought up the



Close to the Edge

by Scott Spielman

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Community alliance is key to survival

I can still remember the day my family moved to the country.

My family piled into an orange Ford truck, where for the first time, I would see the home in which I would spend the next 16 years of my life.

It was a 2,500-square-foot fixer-upper on a dirt road. My father spent about a year making changes to the place; the first thing that had to go was the cement bird bath in the middle of the dining room (you have to wonder where people get their ideas).

It was a far cry from Ferndale, a small, mostly blue-collar suburb that hugs Detroit. Needless to say, it was major adjustment.

But if you drive through the area where I grew up now, there's a Meijer on a parcel of land that used to be a vast expanse of grass. The area built up, steadily, over time.

That's happened over and over again, in many towns and cities, away from the urban center of Detroit. That's been great for some newer municipalities that used to be the boonies, but not so good for the smaller suburbs that surround that core.

The Suburban Alliance is a collection of 17 older communities that was formed to address the outward expansion of the metro Detroit region. For the last five years, the alliance has been trying to bring balance to outward development and repairing the "inner-ring" communities, which have lost state and federal dollars that are being used to expand roads and freeways to places

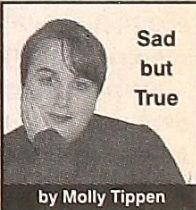
where not too many people live.

"Our region is struggling against a number of systemic problems that demand resolution through legislative action," said Conan Smith, the executive director of the Alliance. "Michigan's first-tier suburbs are home to nearly a third of the state's population, and they are facing challenges that require 'greater-than-local' solutions."

This week, the alliance announced a plan to try to bring more resources to smaller communities. "A metropolitan agenda will help us – as both cities, suburbs and more rural communities – address those problems that are systemic in nature and regional in scope," said Smith. "We have the energy and the intelligence – what's lacking is a shared vision and common goals."

The framework the Alliance proposed is based on sound principals: the need for regional government to look at all of Southeast Michigan as whole, the need for lawmakers at all level of government to recognize the value of helping older cities deal with their dwindling tax bases, and creating economic consistency for all people, no matter where they live.

But can we all look past the things that divide us? Are we all really ready to put our money where are mouths are?



Sad but True

by Molly Tippen

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Reader calls us on opinion

To the editor:
Your editorial proclaiming the excellent idea of preventing cell phones from being used while people are driving as being "asinine" is, in itself, the only asinine thing about it.
Having twice been literally run off the road by cell phone morons, having seen cell phone idiots weave back and forth across lane lines, and twice seeing them run stop signs (once in front of me) and seeing one cell phone retard not slow down while running a red light, I'm not "asinine" when I want them off the road.

I know it's not you who does this (Yeah. Right!), but enough people can't handle it, and it (cell phone use) should be banned while driving. Your argument seems to be that you believe that shaving, putting on makeup, and eating a taco are OK, so cell phone lunacy should be accepted

NOT!
They should be banned as well.

If you think that a business rep about to close a big deal or a guy arguing with his girl friend on the cell phone are thinking about traffic, you're crazy.

Michigan should join the growing list of states (and foreign countries) who recognize that cell phone use while driving is as dangerous as being drunk while driving (statistics show

this to be the case).
The Detroit City Council's action isn't "asinine".
Your comments on it are.

John C. Colling,
Northville

Raises criticized by taxpayer

To the editor:
At the last Romulus City Council meeting, two of the city council stated they wished they had line item veto.

William Crova stated his reason but Leroy Burcroff did not and two council members voted no on the budget completely.

Now if Mr. Burcroff did not like something in the budget why did he not vote no like Mr. Crova and Mr. Harry Crout did?

How hard would it be to include line item veto in our city government?

Now as to budget amendments, I believe each and every item should be spelled out to make the citizens of Romulus aware of what the money is being spent for. As it is now all we know is a budget number and not what it contains which is how the raises for city hall employees passed and nobody would have been wiser—if Mr. Crout had not spoken out.

Through the chair to the mayor: you stated at the last meeting that you did not want a revolving door in city hall but you know yourself that if a person finds another job that pays

more they will jump ship no matter what, so your excuse for a revolving door is mute.

I will again state that that if someone quit for a better paying job we have a multitude of collage grads that have degrees that would gladly jump at the chance to make what the current employees in city hall are making.

To the city council as a whole: you seven people were elected to serve the people of Romulus and not just to go along with whatever the administration wants. If you disagree with something that the administration wants, speak out and let the citizens know you are working for them.

John Clark,
Romulus

Article brings thanks

To the editor:
On behalf of my father, my brothers and myself I would like to thank you for the wonderful article written about my mother, Audrey Tucker. We will treasure it always.

She was a wonderful wife, mother and friend, not just to me, but to more than you and I will ever know. She lives within each and every person who knew her.

It will take me a long time to get used to her not being here to talk to, to hug, to love. Thank you again for all you do. And, as Mom

would say, thank you for being you.
God Bless you.

Laurie Beth Tucker,

Judges thank community

To the editor:
We are writing to publicly thank all of the individuals and businesses that made the Van Buren Township Department of Public Service Awards Ceremony possible. This was a fantastic idea, wonderfully executed. The only criticism we had was that it was long overdue.

It was great to see the community turn out in such numbers to support the dedicated men and women of the Van Buren Department of Public Service.

Judges of the 34th
District Court
Tina Brooks Green
Brian A. Oakley
David M. Parrott

Son says thanks

To the editor:
My name is Kevin Tucker, Audrey was my mother.

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She will remain a wonderful woman in my life.

Thank you again for your heartfelt appreciation of her.

Sincerely,
Kevin Tucker

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Survival

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I think the answer is no. As a reporter, I've been told by larger, newer and more affluent communities that the inner-ring suburbs put themselves in this mess by offering lackluster services. But I've been told an equal number of times in older communities that the more affluent suburbs are conspiring to keep them down and actually want to see them fail. Neither is true; the problem isn't that simple.

What needs to happen at a govern-

ment level is easy. State lawmakers need to stop forcing unfunded mandates on small communities – like sewer repairs and the like – without finding ways to help ease the cost. And local officials – city council members and administrators – need to push for better services, especially those that are dogged by crime. That means putting what little money they have in the right places and eliminating excesses.

Not working together is holding back our economy and our development in this region – which desperately needs to attract new development and jobs.

It's reached a point where we need to start working together.

Maybe Wayne is in the place where they can't afford that kind of touchy-feely sentiment. It's hard to begrudge Clark the additional funds, though. He is more than a guy who shows up at the whim of the city administration, like a crow signifying something of grave portent. He is everywhere, active when he doesn't have to be active. I would guess that that money comes right back into the community through his many civic endeavors like the Wayne Rotary Club, the Wayne Civitans, the Wayne 100 Club, and more. He's always among the first to donate to charitable causes. He's at the site of community builds, not just to be seen but to roll up his sleeves, jump in the muck and get to work.

The city council is right to look everywhere they can to try to trim fat from the budget, but I think they should look elsewhere on this one. Clark deserves more than just a retainer. He's a pretty good deal for the city, in more ways than one.

Budget

FROM PAGE 4

point that, if he didn't attend the department head meetings, it would save the city about \$6,000 every year.

I see where they're going, here. It's easy to pick on lawyers. Everyone has their favorite lawyer joke, right? (My favorite: What do you call 1,000 lawyers at the bottom of the ocean? A good start.)

They bring up a good point, though, that Wayne has their city attorney attend far more meetings than anyone else. In other communities I cover, the city or township attorney is only present if asked to be there. It's a different feeling, though. It's more ominous when you notice their presence. Clark, with his continual presence at the end of the dais, is such a recognized figure that he's clearly a part of the team.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES MAY 16, 2006

Supervisor King called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m. in the Board Room. Present: Supervisor King, Clerk Payne, Treasurer Budd, Trustee Clair, Trustee Hart and Trustee Rochowiak. Absent and excused: Trustee Jahr. Others in attendance: Planning and Economic Development Director Kelley, Public Safety Director Champagne, Deputy Recreation and Facilities Director Morris, Parks Manager Mulkey, Lieutenant Brooks, Attorney Schwartz, Executive Assistant Ireland, Secretary Cline and an audience of fifty-seven (57).

Supervisor King requested a moment of silence be held in honor of Cindy Caincross, who started and was the head of the Fire Explorer Program for the Township for ten years; and Fredrick Birk, former Township Treasurer who served from 1963 through 1972, both who recently past away.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Hart moved, Budd seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: Rochowiak moved, Hart seconded to receive public comments on the request of more than 50 percent of the frontage foot owners to approve the assessment roll for the Lake Crest and Belle Harbour Estates Special Assessment District. Carried.

Supervisor King opened the public hearing stating yesterday the township received communication regarding the cost sharing commitment with Wayne County. Supervisor King went to Director Kelley for an explanation. Director Kelley stated there are two items to be addressed. First, more than 50 percent of the frontage foot owners of properties in the Lake Crest and Belle Harbour Estates Subdivisions are requesting the Board approve the assessment roll for the 196 properties within the special assessment district. Later in the agenda there is an action item to combine two lots in the Lake Crest Subdivision which reduces the count from 197 lots to 196 lots. The Public Act allows the township to proceed with this provided more than 50 percent of the home owners continue to support the petition. Director Kelley stated in the summer 2003 meetings were held with property owners, Township staff and Wayne County Department of Public Service representatives to discuss the options available to have the public roads and related storm water facilities improved and reconstructed. Early in 2004 a Steering Committee was established by the property owners of the subdivisions and the owners began the information and petition collection process. On October 5, 2004 at the request by more than 50 percent of the property owners the Township approved the (SAD) special assessment district. On November 27, 2004 the Township approved a special assessment roll for the purpose of developing design and construction plans to repave the public roads and related storm water facilities in the SAD. December 2004 through summer 2005 the project engineer, Spaulding DeDecker, began to develop design and construction plans and performs site investigation, meetings with Wayne County Department of Public Service and the Steering Committee to review design and construction plans. In the fall of 2005 construction documents are prepared for bidding and advertisements are issued for bids. On January 4, 2006 the project engineer submits bid tabulation and recommends VIL Construction, Inc. as the successful bidder. May 2006 at the request of more than 50 percent of the frontage foot property owners the township hears comments to approve the assessment roll for the purpose of the repaving and related project. The total cost of the project is 1.9 million dollars. As Supervisor King stated the township is in receipt of a letter from Wayne County committing the County to participate up to 20% of the construction costs (max \$320,000) and waive all permit, plan review and inspection fees estimated at \$85,000.

Director Kelley stated late this afternoon petitions and written correspondence regarding the assessment roll were filed with the Township. Thus, an accurate and confident count can not be reported to the Board and home owners as to the status of the majority of the land owners. Staff will need to spend additional time to develop an accurate count. While it appears there are enough signatures on the petition to move forward the numbers are to close. Since an accurate count has not been determined and discussion with Township legal council, Director Kelley recommends the Board table the issue.

Supervisor King stated the Board is in receipt of a memo from Director Kelley which describes the entire process, documents from Spaulding DeDecker the low bidder, the public hearing notice and a list of parcel owners. The minimum number of signatures required on the petition to request the special assessment is 99 parcels. A representative from Spaulding DeDecker was at the meeting; however, after Director Kelley advised her item is to be tabled upon advice of the Township attorney and to wait to discuss the project at the next public hearing. Trustee Hart inquired how long Wayne County will keep these funds dedicated to this project. Director Kelley stated the county has not specified a time line however; this is part of the County's 2005-2006 amended capital improvement plan. Clerk Payne inquired about the process for noticing a new public hearing and Director Kelley stated by tabling the item it falls under the statutory time of the notices published. Trustee Clair inquired is there a time frame by which the engineering company would not start this project. Director Kelley stated none has been indicated. Trustee Rochowiak inquired is there a the time period for collecting signatures and Director Kelley stated the Act allows for signatures to be submitted up to the start of the public hearing. Trustee Hart inquired where the start up construction cost would come from. Director Kelley stated bonds could be issued and would be paid back as the special assessments are paid. Supervisor King stated there was discussion regarding the contingency amount and if it was appropriate. Director Kelley stated the Act allows the Board to hold a hearing for re-determination of costs if the contingency amount is not enough. The Township is allowed by the Act to add up to 10 percent of the construction cost without approval of the property owners of the special assessment district. The Board discussed the comments from property owners who are opposed to the special assessment district, not that the roads do not need repair, but rather the cost and the fact that Wayne County is not paying for the entire project.

Residents of the subdivision made the following comments: A review of the history of the project noting the property owners objecting have not done anything to assist in getting the project done via Wayne County; Would have liked to hear the engineer's presentation of the project and questioned the actual amount Wayne County is to contribute; Stated fact that Wayne County rejected the original design plans and the cur-

rent plans are more costly; Encouraged the Board to contact Wayne County Executive Ficano and Wayne County Commissioner Sullivan for further assistance with funding the project; Why not do a new petition; Would have liked to have seen the assessment divided via amount of road frontage instead of per parcel. Supervisor King and Director Kelley responded as follows: The Township has worked with the County and feel the amount the County will contribute is the most that will be contributed; Clarified the amount the County is to contribute is only 20 percent of actual construction cost and waiving of fees and permits. Township is only the facilitator of the project and if new petitions were circulated they would be by the home owners; The engineer has already left so no presentation of the project will be done; If a change to the way in which the special assessment would be divided was to be changed the special assessment process would have to be started over.

There being no further discussion, a motion was made to close the public hearing.

Payne moved, Rochowiak seconded to close the public hearing. Carried.

MINUTES: Payne moved, Budd seconded to approve the Special Board Meeting Minutes of April 13, 2006 as presented. Carried.

Hart moved, Rochowiak seconded to approve the Work Study Session Minutes of April 17, 2006 as presented. Carried.

Budd moved, Clair seconded to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of April 18, 2006 as presented. Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: Supervisor King acknowledged Jeffery Sims as a new on-call fire fighter and Michael Harris, Adam Byrd and Deontae Turner as new police officers. Director Champagne, Lieutenant Brooks, Trustee Hart, Trustee Clair and Battalion Chief Folks presented them with their badges.

A letter regarding the First Annual Public Safety Employee Awards Banquet from Governor Granholm thanking the Public Safety Department employees, the Board and Commissioners and volunteers for their contributions in providing public safety services for the community.

A letter from Jere Dolph, Chairperson of the Downtown Development Authority stating how nice the First Annual Public Safety Employee Awards Banquet was conducted.

A letter from Denver Jackson's mother, a local youth who has been battling leukemia, thanking the Public Safety Department for honoring her son Denver at the First Annual Public Safety Employee Awards Banquet as a honorary fire fighter.

The Public Safety Department will strictly enforcing seatbelt laws during the Memorial Holiday. The "Click It Or Ticket" campaign runs May 22nd through June 4th in the State of Michigan to encourage usage of seat belts. Enforcement zones in Van Buren Township will include Belleville and Ecorse Roads.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Rochowiak moved, Payne seconded to table Resolution 2006-17 the assessment roll for the project to repave the public roads, repair related storm water facilities and work incidental to, and spread the roll over the 196 properties identified in the roll, until the next Board Meeting on June 6, 2006. Carried.

Payne moved, Budd seconded to approve the appointment of Thomas Koscielny to the Planning Commission with a term to expire October 1, 2007. Carried.

Budd moved, Hart seconded to approve the appointment of William Osier to the Construction Code of Appeals Board with a term to expire February 28, 2007 and to approve the reappointment of Harlan Davenport to the Construction Code of Appeals Board with a term to expire February 28, 2008. Carried.

Rochowiak moved, Clair seconded to approve the appointments of Victor DeLibera to the Downtown Development Authority with term to expire March 9, 2008 and Jim Richter to the Downtown Development Authority with term to expire March 9, 2009. Carried.

Hart moved, Payne seconded to allow Trustee Clair to abstain from voting on "New Business" Item # 5 "Consider approval of the 2006 Sizzlin' Summer Nights Concert Series and authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to execute the contracts"[Trustee Clair is the signatory on the contract for with Belleville Community Band]. Carried.

Hart moved, Payne seconded to approve the 2006 Sizzlin' Summer Nights Concert Series and to authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to execute the contracts. Carried.

Payne moved, Budd seconded to approve the contract with Great Lakes Fireworks for the display and to authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to execute the contract and the permit application for the State of Michigan. Carried.

Payne moved, Rochowiak seconded to approve the bid specifications by Engineering Services, Inc. and to authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to execute the request to seek bids for the restrooms at Van Buren Park and French Landing Park. Carried.

Budd moved, Payne seconded to approve the combination of parcels V125-83-085-02-0070-000 and V125-83-085-02-0071-000, Lots 70 and 71, Lake Crest Estates Subdivision Number 5 in accordance with the Parcel Division Board revised memorandum dated May 16, 2006, specifically noting items one through seven. Carried.

Rochowiak moved, Payne seconded to adopt Resolution 2006-18 pledging the Township's Limited Tax General Obligation to Local Development Authority Refunding Bonds. Carried.

Budd moved, Rochowiak seconded to adopt Resolution 2006-19 opposing the proposed 25 percent reduction in the Community Development Block Grant formula in the President's Fiscal Year 2007 budget proposal to Congress. Carried.

Hart moved, Budd seconded to adopt Resolution 2006-20 the Group Pension Plan

OBITUARIES

KREYGER, Edmund

Edmund W. Kreyger, 82, of Romulus, died April 11.

Among his survivors are his wife, Myra (Polenz) Kreyger; sons, Craig (Kathy) Kreyger of South Dakota and Brent Kreyger of Romulus; his daughter, Gayle Mach of Romulus; grandsons, Brandt Kreyger and Benjamin Mach, and a sister, Margaret Galazen.

Mr. Kreyger retired from the Wayne County Road Commission in 1975. He was a member of the Romulus VFW 9568 and the Wayne County Retirees Association. He was also a Wayne County Employees Union member. Mr. Kreyger served in the United State Navy.

Funeral services were at St. Aloysius Catholic Church with Father Festus Ejimadu officiating.

Interment was at Romulus Cemetery.

Arrangements were entrusted to the Crane Funeral Home in Romulus.

LAGINESS, Olive

Olive I. Laginess, 91, of New Boston, died May 6.

Among her survivors are her children, Piere A. “Ed” (Rose Marie) Laginess of Boyne Falls and Gloria (Frank) Scheuer of New Boston; a brother, Donald Pollen of

Allen Park; eight grandchildren, and 21 great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Laginess was a 36-year 4-H Club leader and a member of the Altar Society at St. Stephen Catholic Church and a member of the Farm Bureau.

A funeral mass was at St. Stephen Catholic Church with Father John Hedges as celebrant.

Interment was at St. Stephen Cemetery in New Boston.

Arrangements were entrusted to the Crane Funeral Home in Romulus.

DEBUYSSCHER, Alfonse

Alfonse G. Debuysscher, 85, of Romulus, died April 18.

Among his survivors are his sons, Gerald J. “Jerry” (JoLynn) DeBuysscher of Belleville and Paul J. DeBuysscher of Romulus; a daughter, Virginia Silvey of Romulus, and six grandchildren.

Mr. DeBuysscher retired from General Motors Hydramatic Plant in 1984.

He served in the U.S. Army during World War II and was a former member of both UAW Local 734 and VFW Post 9568.

Funeral services were at St. Aloysius Catholic Church with Father Festus Ejimadu officiating.

Interment was at Romulus Cemetery.

Arrangements were entrusted to the Crane Funeral Home in Romulus.

STRAUB, Irene

Irene K. Straub, 62, of Romulus, died May 8.

Among her survivors are her husband, Norman J. Straub; her sons, David E. Miller of St. Louis, Billy J. (Crystal) Miller of Romulus, Jim B. Miller and Shane A. Miller, both of Taylor; a brother, Billy Allen of Dearborn; sisters, Betty Whitehead of Wayne, Helen Ross of Dearborn Heights, JoAnn Weir of Garden City, Patty Wojtewiz of Alaniac, and her twin sister, Eileen (Bruce) Ellis of Westland; her mother-in-law, Alma Straub of Monroe; three grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Straub was employed with the Romulus Police Department for three years.

Funeral services were at the Crane Funeral Home with Pastor Tim Harper of Harvest Worship Center in Taylor officiating.

MULLINS, Mollie

Mollie Ann Mullins, 65, of Romulus, died Jan. 29.

Among her survivors are her children, Earl F. (Alice) Mullins, Jr.; Jeffrey Howard Mullins, Ronald Scott Mullins and Michelle Ann Mullins; grandchildren, Lauren Nicole and Ryan Jeffrey; a brother, Howard Woodard and a sister, Dorothy Kirchoff.

CITY OF ROMULUS
CITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING

Please be advised that the City of Romulus City Council has scheduled a Public Hearing to be held Monday, June 5, 2006 at 6:15 p.m., Prevailing Eastern Time in the Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174-1485. The purpose of the meeting is to hear comments on the proposed special assessment district for street lighting in the Legacy Park Subdivision.

In accordance with Public Act 64 of 1989, please be advised that this statement serves as notice that appearance and protest at the June 5, 2006 public hearing is required in order to appeal the special assessment to the Michigan Tax Tribunal.

You must either appear in person at the public hearing or notify the City Clerk’s Office by mail no later than 12:00 noon, Monday, June 5, 2006 in order to reserve you right to protest the special assessment.

All interested citizens are encouraged to attend and will be given an opportunity to comment on said request.

Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

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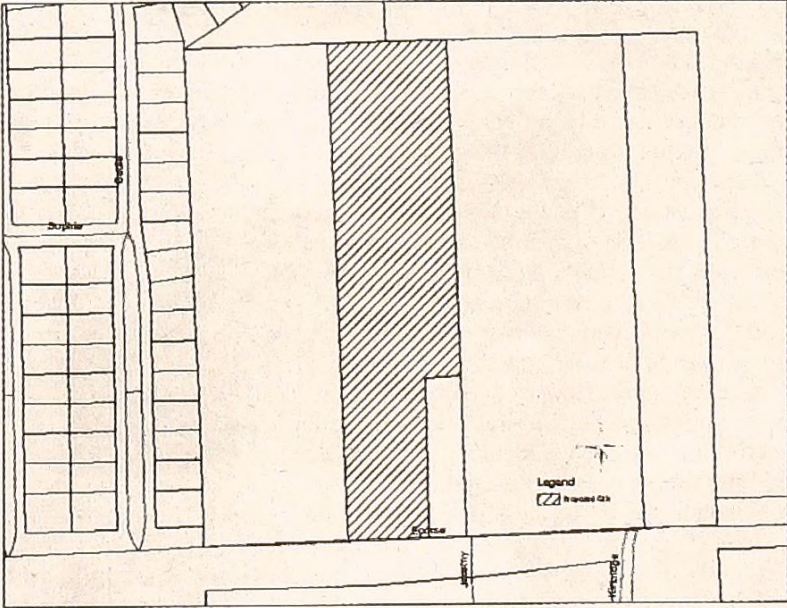
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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
PUBLIC HEARING

The Charter Township of Van Buren Board of Trustees will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, June 6, 2006 at 7:30 p.m., in the Board of Trustees Room, 46425 Tyler Road, Charter Township of Van Buren, Wayne County, Michigan

The Public Hearing relates to the following described property:

This is a parcel with the tax ID number V125-83-007-99-0005-001. This property is located on the north side of Ecorse Road between Haggerty and Morton Taylor Roads. A map indicating the location of the subject site is included below.



The applicant is requesting special use approval. A special use approval is required for construction of a church in a residential zoning per Article VII Section 7.03(f) of the Zoning Ordinance. Written comments will be accepted at the Department of Developmental Services until 5:00p.m.

In the spirit of compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, individuals with a disability should feel free to contact the Department of Developmental Services at least seventy-two (72) hours in advance of the meeting, if requesting accommodations.

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amendment for Firefighters. Carried.

Clair moved, Hart seconded to approve to discontinue the use of the H.T.E. as a software provider and migrate to the CLEMIS system. Carried.

Hart moved, Rochowiak seconded to accept the Attorney’s recommendation in his letter dated May 16, 2006 regarding pending litigation, case number 05-522986-NI. Carried.

VOUCHER LIST: Budd moved, Hart seconded to approve the May 2, 2006 and the amended May 16, 2006 voucher lists. Carried.

REPORTS: None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: On Monday, May 29th the Administrative Offices at Township Hall will be closed in observance of Memorial Day.

Treasurer Budd stated this past Saturday was the Drive In Dog Clinic with many dogs being vaccinated and dog licenses are currently available in the Treasurer’s Office. New dog licenses need to be purchase by the end of May.

Director Champagne stated in the month of April traffic accidents are down in the township.

Parks Manger Mulkey invited the public to participate in a community playground build sponsored by the Van Buren Civic Fund of an ADA (American with Disabilities Act) play structure at Van Buren Park on July 15th beginning at 7:30 a.m. with a lunch to be held in the U of M Boathouse at 1:00 p.m. For further information contact Parks Manager Mulkey at 734.484.3666.

AUDIENCE (Non-Agenda Items): A resident of Harmony Lane had the following inquires: Where are the monies Wayne County is receiving for road revenues going? Supervisor King stated in Van Buren Township the Michigan left at Belleville and Ecorse Roads is the only project of which the Township is aware. Does Van Buren Township own any of the landfills and could revenues from the landfill be used towards repaving subdivision roads? Supervisor King stated the township does not own the landfill. The township has a host community agreement with Waste Management and receives tipping fees, and there are not enough revenues generated to use for road repairs. He further encouraged the Board to contact Wayne County Executive Ficano and Wayne County Commissioner Sullivan for further assistance of funding for road repairs in Belle Harbour and Lake Crest Estates Subdivisions.

A resident advised that containers with used oil and paint cans are still being dumped in the ditch line along Beck and Van Born Roads requested assistance in this matter. Further, inquired if the township had a court date regarding the Diversified property? Supervisor King stated the township will notify Wayne County Roads regarding the roads and no court date has been set and could not comment due to the pending litigation.

CLOSED SESSION: None.

ADJOURNMENT: Payne moved, Hart seconded to adjourn at 9:59 p.m. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Joannie D. Payne, CMC
Township Clerk

Cindy C. King
Township Supervisor

Publish: May 25, 2006

OVER THE HEDGE THE SCENE

Animated film is fine entertainment for entire family

I didn't know *Over the Hedge* was based on a comic strip until I went to see the film last week. Based on the few jokes aimed at older audience members, though, I could understand the appeal that probably led to the film adaptation. The animals are not just hungry foragers trying to stave off the destruction of their habitat, they have things to say about society in general, too.

The film takes place in the green space left behind when a subdivision is constructed virtually overnight—the animals went into hibernation thinking everything was fine and woke to find themselves separated from a completely new world by a gigantic never-ending hedge. They name it Steve.

Verne (Garry Shandling) is sort of the leader of this

group and he soon learns that it's not safe to cross 'Steve.'

His philosophy is put to test by R.J. (Bruce Willis) a raccoon with an ulterior motive. R.J. needs to gather a lot of food in a hurry to avoid being eaten by a bear named Vincent (Nick Nolte) and he enlists the rest of the cast to help him.

There is some A-list talent here, including Steve Carell as Hammy the squirrel, William Shatner as Ozzie the possum, Wanda Sykes as Stella the skunk and Allison Janney of *West Wing* fame as Gladys, the head of the subdivision homeowner's association who pays a bit too much attention to the rules.

Some of the casting is inspired: Carell is very funny as the hyperactive

Hammy and Shatner shines as Ozzie—his fake death scenes play off the melodrama he summoned so well in the *Star Trek* series and films. Nolte, too, is good as the grouchy grizzly.

Other decisions weren't so successful. Shandling was virtually non-existent in Verne and Willis should probably stick to....well, something else.

The film is well-paced, and there are a few jokes thrown in for parents. My favorite was when Tiger the cat (Omid Djalili) a proud Persian, boasted of his lineage to Stella, who was trying to distract him at a crucial plot point. He comes from a family of felines known for their flat faces and broad features.

"My father was so beautiful, he couldn't even breathe properly," he croons.

Or a discussion about the size of Sport Utility Vehicles.

"How many people can fit in one of those things?" Someone asks.

"Usually, one," R.J. answers.

The animated film is also gorgeous to look at. Factor all that together and you have a successful family film.

Reviewed By
Scott Spielman
Editor

Kid's Corner

By Henry Spielman

This was a very good movie. I liked it a lot.

My favorite part was the dog who chased everyone and said: 'Play? Play? Play?'

Hammy the squirrel (Steve Carell)

was very funny. At the end, he drinks (an energy drink) and everything else moves in slow motion!

I didn't like the lady (Gladys, voiced by Allison Janney) who wanted to hurt all the animals. She was mean.



THE SCENE

Reviewed By
Meghan Chatham
Staff Writer

THE
DA VINCI
CODE

Film may challenge some thinking

What would the world be like if the public believed that the story of the life of Jesus Christ had been revised to strengthen the tenets of Christianity?

That question is one of many that confront audience members during *The Da Vinci Code*. The film questions the teachings of the Christian church and offers another theory as to how Christ might have lived his life.

It's a blatantly controversial subject. The famous—or infamous—bestseller of the same name has been blasted by church leaders as sacrilegious, yet it continues to top best-seller lists. It's very hard to avoid the *Da Vinci Code*. It seems to be everywhere: on television, reviews in the newspaper, the focus of discussion in book clubs, on web blogs, and in good old-fashioned gossip.

Now, the film version has become the latest battlefield between those who view the theory and concept as blasphemy and those who perceive it as an academic exercise or simple work of fiction. Although churches throughout the United States staged boycotts of the film, it still proved to be the top grossing movie of the weekend.

Robert Langdon (Tom Hanks), a professor at Harvard University, specializes in religious symbolism. While in Paris, he receives chilling news: the curator of the Louvre has been murdered but, with his dying breath, he left behind clues to help guide Langdon toward clues that would, if revealed, shake the very foundation of Christianity. To solve the enigmatic clues the curator—a member of a centuries-old secret society known as the Priory of Scion—provided, Langdon travels throughout Europe on a quest for answers hidden in the works of Leonardo Da Vinci. At his side is French cryptologist Sophie Neveu (Audrey Tautou), who is also searching for answers to the riddles that have claimed the life of the curator, her grandfather.

For them, however, it isn't simply an academic exercise; it's a matter of life-or-death. They aren't the only ones chasing the secret. A powerful shadow organization known as Opus Dei, described as a Catholic organization known to the Vatican that has long sought to seize and destroy the Priory's secret. The group will do whatever it takes to keep that secret hidden.

What a person takes out of the film will depend on their individual background. I am not particularly conservative in my approach to religion, but even I raised my eyebrows at a few of the ideas proffered by the film. Still, for me personally, the film was more stimulating than offensive because it is so clearly based on fiction. It doesn't claim to be the 'truth' about the life of Christ any more than the Harry Potter movies accurately represent life at a British boarding school.

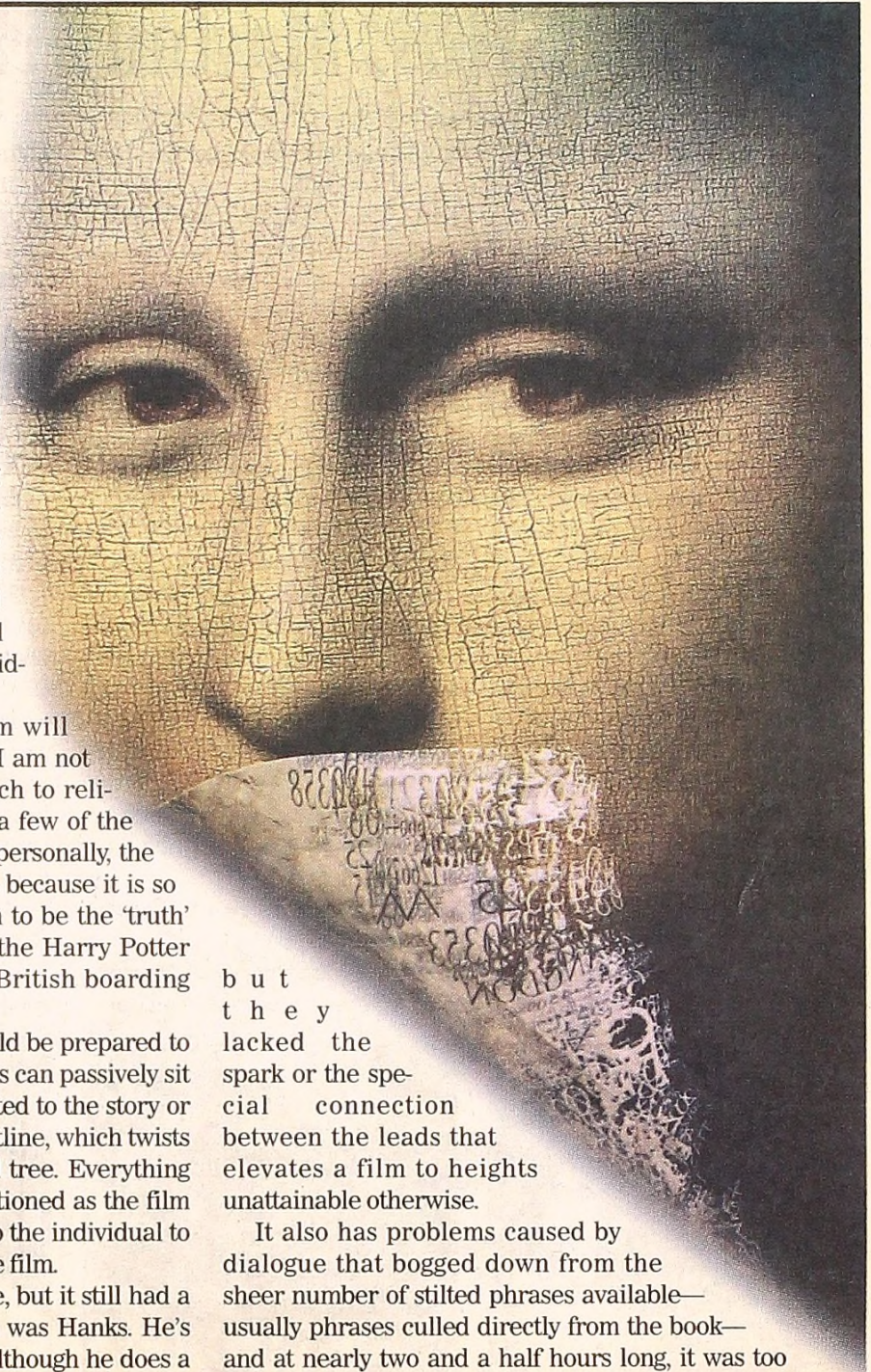
Those who decide to see the film should be prepared to think. This is not a film audience members can passively sit back and enjoy; they need to stay connected to the story or they won't be able to keep up with the plotline, which twists and turns like the roots of a century old tree. Everything you know about Christianity will be questioned as the film searches for answers—and it will be up to the individual to decide what, if anything, they get out of the film.

The movie, rated PG-13, was well done, but it still had a few small problems. Part of the problem was Hanks. He's made few films that I haven't loved but, although he does a more-than-adequate job in this film, it didn't feel natural. Filmmaker Ron Howard did a good job overall, but Hanks was miscast. Hanks and Tautou are both excellent actors,

but they lacked the spark or the special connection between the leads that elevates a film to heights unattainable otherwise.

It also has problems caused by dialogue that bogged down from the sheer number of stilted phrases available—usually phrases culled directly from the book—and at nearly two and a half hours long, it was too lengthy.

Despite these concerns, the film is still worth the price of admission.



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Rustic Chef: Maybury Farm competition draws area crowd

They planned, shopped, cored, chopped, whipped, mixed and amazed the audience Saturday afternoon.

They were the six amateur chefs who participated in the first rustic chef competition at Maybury Farm. The intrepid cooks were each provided with a cooler filled with ingredients they had not seen prior to the competition and had an hour to figure out what they were going to do with an assortment of spices, some chicken breast, red cabbage, green cabbage, a single egg, a leek and a small bag of pretzels.

Each team was also provided a \$50 certificate from Meijer in Northville where they could augment the supplies they were given, but they had to plan, shop, prepare and cook in less than 3 hours. And they had to wow the panel of three judges who watched their every move.

And if all that was too easy, the teams had to provide their own

grills and all other supplies and implements, which, in the case of the Timberdoodles (Don Eckardt and his brother-in-law Dave Popke) took two large trucks.

The judges, supervised by Ian MacKinnon of the famed MacKinnon's restaurant in Northville, were mightily impressed with the Timberdoodles hard work and their presentation.

The Grillmeisters (Chris McCormack and Dave Anger), however, won the event with their salad that included a perfectly cooked scallop, done on the grill. MacKinnon gave them high marks, noting that cooking scallops is an art even in a fully equipped kitchen.

The pair, were the winners of the event, "by the skin of an onion."

Also on hand to emcee the event and serve as a judge was WDIV weatherman Andrew Humphrey who admitted his awe

of the abilities of the contestants.

"I've never seen anybody cook quite like this on a grill," he commented when presented with shrimp on a skewer with a barbecue sauce prepared by the Grilling Lockhorns (John and Marta Folino of Plymouth).

And the Folinos had the stand-out dish of the event with their dessert, a grilled pear with a white chocolate and brown sugar glaze that even amazed their competitors.

The next event at the farm will be a match up of professional chefs from the area and is scheduled for June 24.

Hungry audience members were able to purchase hot dogs from the Burger Spot in downtown Plymouth, and all proceeds went to benefit the farm and the foundation.

And for those who couldn't attend, the Folinos, or Grilling Lockhorns, have revealed their recipe for the pears.



Andrew Humphrey of WDIV, far right, presented the winning Grillmeisters team, Chris McCormack and Dave Anger, with the official iron skillet trophy they won during the first Maybury Farm Rustic Chef competition Saturday at the farm.

Grilled Pears with Ghirardelli White Chocolate

4 Bosc Pears, ripe, cut in half and cored

4 Tablespoons unsalted butter
3 Tablespoons brown sugar
1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
1 Bar Ghirardelli White Chocolate, broken into pieces

Melt the butter and add the brown sugar and cinnamon. Let simmer a few minutes.

Cut and core the ripe pears in half, then dip into the butter sauce. Save the unused sauce.

Grill pears cut side down for 2-5 minutes over medium heat. Then turn and place some of the broken white chocolate into the center of the pear and continue grilling until the chocolate melts.

Place onto a dessert plate pouring a small amount of the leftover warm butter sauce over the pear. Serve immediately



John and Marta Folino were the Grilling Lockhorns.



The Burger Spot sold hot dogs to benefit the farm.



Dave Popke and Don Eckardt wowed the judges.



Judges Ian MacKinnon, Susan Willett and Andrew Humphrey had a difficult but enjoyable task.



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SPORTS

Northville baseball aims high, accomplishes goals

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

Mission accomplished. Almost.

The Northville Mustang baseball team, like most athletic teams, set goals at the beginning of the season and spent the next several months trying to fulfill them.

Last week the 'Stangs accomplished two of their top three goals, setting an example on how to get things done.

First, they wrapped up the Western Division championship with a six-inning, 11-1, mercy against Wayne Memorial on Thursday. Then they traveled to the Clarkston Invitational on Saturday, where they won three games to win the tournament championship.

At the tournament, the Mustangs had a chance to take on state-ranked teams like Oxford, ranked in the top 10, and Anchor Bay, who just defeated Grosse Pointe South—one of the top-five teams in the state. It's coming at the right time, too.

"One of our goals was to win the tournament because I thought there were some of the best teams there this week," said Northville Coach John Kostzrewa. "I thought it would be a good thing going into the conference championship and with districts around the corner. It was a good experience for the guys."

Clarkston was the first to fall to Northville on Saturday.

We only gave up two walks and two hit batters the whole day and remained errorless.

Coach John Kostzrewa

Junior pitcher Bryce Jenney pitched a one-hitter—his third of the season—with seven strikeouts and no walks on 75 pitches.

Senior Charlie Thomas was a force for Northville, leading the offense with three doubles and two RBIs in the contest. He knocked in both runs in the second inning for a 2-0 lead.

Northville scored one more in the seventh to put the game away, 3-0.

The win came down to defense, according to Kostzrewa.

"It was total team effort on defense," he said. "We pitched well and played a solid fundamental game."

Next up was Oxford. The top-10 team didn't appear to intimidate Northville. It may have actually had spurred on the Mustangs as they put the Wildcats away, 10-0, in five innings.

Senior Tim Parent pitched all five innings, giving up

only three hits and one walk with seven strikeouts.

Jenney was a perfect 3-for-3 with a double and three RBIs. Junior Bret Spencer ripped three hits with 2 RBIs. Senior Cory Patterson was 2-for-2 and Thomas was 1-for-3 with two RBIs.

Northville's third and final game was against Anchor Bay for the championship. The contest went back and forth but Northville squeezed out a 7-6 victory.

Northville trailed 6-5 going into the bottom of the sixth inning but the 'Stangs' offense prevailed.

Spencer nailed a double that scored Alex Huting and Clay Paciorek for the win.

Mike Collins struggled on the mound in the first inning for Northville, giving up three runs. Parent, who pitched the previous game, came in for the second and third, allowing a run. Spencer threw the next three frames. He gave up one run but earned the win. Jenney finished the seventh for the save.

"This was a big win for us," Kostzrewa said. "We've struggled in second games of doubleheaders all season. To come in and win three games in a row was huge for us. We only gave up two walks and two hit batters the whole day and remained errorless."

"If we can get teams to put the ball in play and not

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Lady Mustangs top Canton

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

The Canton Lady Chiefs may have won the Madonna Softball Tournament, but that didn't intimidate the Lady Mustangs.

The Mustangs redeemed themselves from an earlier loss to Canton when they squeezed out a 2-1 victory against Canton on Monday night.

Emma Wise—Northville's third batter in the first inning—stepped up and creamed a solo home run over the left field fence with two outs to get the Lady 'Stangs going.

The team rode that momentum train into the second frame. Kelly Lockman singled to get on base. Christy Badeen and Jenna Dumbleton each nailed grounders respectively, moving Lockman to third. Then Canton misplayed Kelsey Lewis' hit, allowing Lockman to score. Northville led, 2-0, at that point.

Canton didn't give in, though.

In the third, Lauren Delapaz answered with a two-out solo homer. But that would be it for the Lady Chiefs.

Bridget Hughes, Sarah Rounsifer and Laura Zima also had hits for Northville. On defense, Northville Coach Teryn Fox said Badeen made some great stretching plays to get runners out at first and Lewis was equally impressive



Northville hurler Jenna Dumbleton, along with solid defense, has been an instrumental part of the Lady Mustangs' 23-6-1 overall record and 13-3 conference record. She also earned the win against Canton, 2-1. Photo by Ken Garner

at shortstop.

Dumbleton earned the win from the circle. She hurled a five-hitter with four strikeouts.

Fox hopes to ride the momentum from the win into next week's district tournament at Novi.

"Emma really got things going for us with her home run," she said. "She crushed the ball; there was no doubt it was out of here. Our defense played outstanding."

"All around, it was a great game," she added. "It was really exciting to beat Canton in such a close game after we lost

to them 1-0 on an unearned run earlier in the year. This is the kind of ball we want to play going into our WLAA crossover game and districts."

Madonna Tournament

The Madonna Softball Tournament is one of the biggest tournaments in the area and it pits some of the best talent in the area against each other.

Northville was one of the better teams in the tournament, turning in a 3-2 record for the weekend.

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Warrior lacrosse cap week with 3 wins

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

The Plymouth-Canton Warriors Lacrosse team capped off a busy week with what might have been their best game of the season.

The Warriors hosted Mattawan Saturday night and came away with an impressive 11-7 Senior Night victory.

Mitch French led the offense with five goals, including three in the final quarter, and two assists. Johnny Groat was the only other multiple-goal scorer with two. Chris Sorenson made 13 saves in the contest for the win.

French started the Warriors off with a goal at 10:13 of the first. Jared Ruark earned the assist on the play. Mattawan answered nearly two minutes later to make it a 1-1 game. Alex Caryl earned the Warriors' lead back with about 1:35 left to play in the quarter. John Savino made the pass.

The Warriors took it to the Wildcats in the second with three goals.

Ryan Gubert, from French, got things going with a goal at 11:19. Ruark earned his second point of the night when he scored a goal unassisted at the 8:35 mark of the second. Joey Underwood, from French, boosted the score to 5-1 when he put one in the net at the 3:05 mark. With about 1:11 remaining in the half, Mattawan put their second one by Sorenson, cutting into the Warrior's lead, 5-2.

The late goal was enough to spur on the Wildcats. After the break Mattawan came out firing and made a push for the lead. The Wildcats outscored the Warriors 3-1 in the third period, making it a tight game, 6-5.

French scored the lone PCS goal unassisted at 9:17.

The Warriors survived the third and came back their best effort in the fourth.

French and Johnny Groat combined for all five of the Warrior's tallies. French scored three and Groat earned the other two. Nick Cote notched two assists on French's last two goals at 7:42 and with 23 seconds remaining in the game. Gubert recorded an assist on Groat's second goal at the 8:30 mark.

"It was nice to finally win a game against them," said Warrior Coach Mike Costello. "They have been around for five years, just like us. So in a lot of ways it's like looking in a mirror."

"They took their best shot early in the third quarter and we responded," he added. "This may have been our best game all year."

The game also capped off a three-game winning streak for the Warriors. They started out slow against Ypsilanti Lincoln but came up big in the second and third quarters to pull out a 6-4 triumph on Thursday.

The Railsplitters went up 3-0 in the first period, holding the Warriors scoreless. But PCS bounced back in the second. Sorenson made some key saves and the offense got going.

Groat scored the first Warrior goal at the 10:44 mark with an assist from Cote. After a Lincoln goal, Cote and Ruark scored seven seconds apart to make it a 3-4 game. Gubert and French notched the assists respectively.

The third belonged entirely to the Warriors. Sorenson and the defense blanked Lincoln not just

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SPORTS

Canton Cup returns for 24th year

Matt Whalen
Staff Writer

One of the biggest events in Canton Township is getting a little bigger:

The Canton Cup soccer tournament, which takes place this weekend, will bring in 450 teams and include a few new features.

Participants in the Canton Cup will be playing on one of 40 fields. About 25 more teams are participating this year than last year, according to Tournament Director John Vaughn. In addition to teams from Michigan, there will be teams from Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana and Canada taking part in the event.

"The Canton Cup has a huge economic impact on the township," said Ann Conklin, director of leisure services for Canton Township. "After the tournament, we send out a flash market survey and all of our businesses indicate increased revenues."

The main venues being used for this tournament are

Independence Park, Heritage Park, and Griffin Park. Fewer sites are being used this year because the games with younger children, which are six on six games, are complete in about an hour. Using fewer fields is also more cost effective, Vaughn said.

Teams are placed in different brackets, depending on the age and skill levels of their players.

"We strive to place everyone of equal skill level in the various brackets for better competition," Vaughn said. "Having separate divisions also allows us to give awards to more teams."

The tournament is for boys ages 7 to 18 and girls 7 to 15. Bracket divisions include platinum, bronze, and copper. The platinum bracket is the highest level for the more advanced soccer players. The bronze and copper brackets are composed of recreational and non-travel teams.

This is the 24th installment of the soccer tournament, but it is Vaughn's first year as director. He is having no trouble taking over

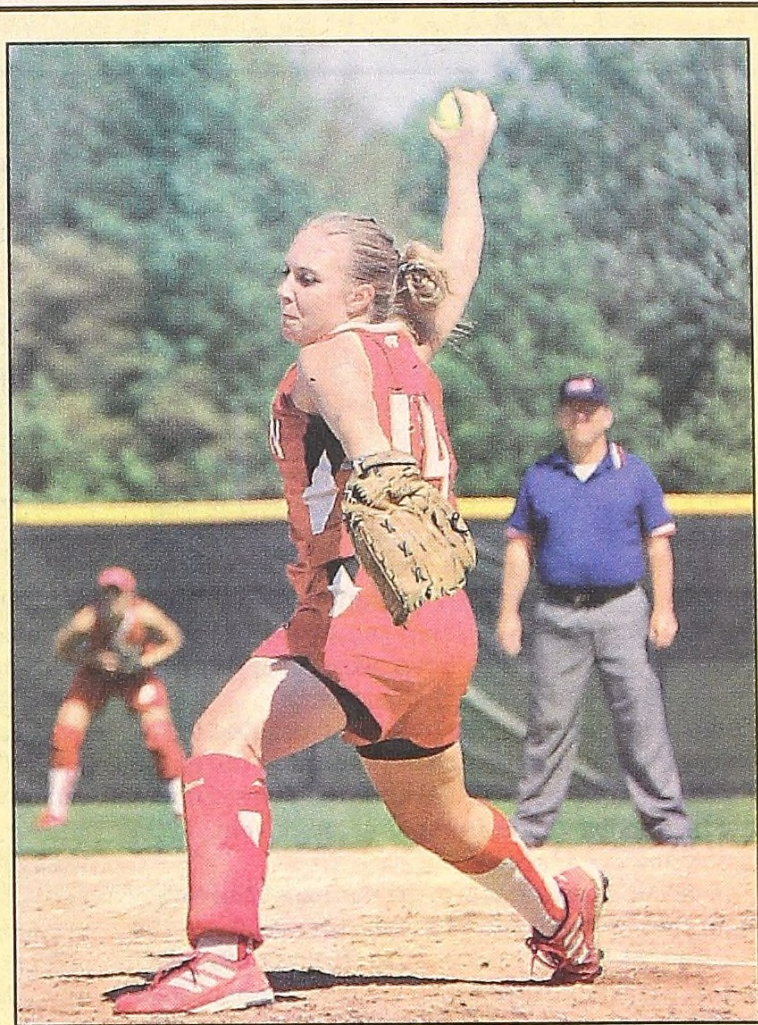
the reins of such a big event, he said.

"Those who came before me have made this event run like clockwork," he said. "I hope I can live up to my predecessors."

A new director is not the only new thing about the tournament. Saturday night there will be an outdoor movie night at the Heritage Park Amphitheater. The movie, Kicking and Screaming, will replace the traditionally popular Soccer Hop.

A band of former Canton soccer players will perform before the movie. The movie will have a soccer theme and it is free for soccer players and their families, as well as Canton residents.

As in previous years, the Canton Summit on the Park recreation center will offer free admission during the entire weekend to soccer players in the tournament. There will also be inflatable attractions set up at Independence Park for children, as well. The fee is \$5 for a weekend pass.



Canton wins Madonna tourney

Northville squeezed out a win against Canton on Monday (see story on page 11) but Canton won the Madonna tournament—one the biggest tournaments of the year. The Lady Chiefs topped Birmingham Groves (10-0), Taylor Kennedy (3-1) and Marine City (5-0) on Saturday. On Sunday they beat Birmingham Marian before meeting Belleville in the championship round. The Lady Chiefs, behind the pitching of Hillary Payne, defeated the Lady Tigers, 7-1, for the tournament crown. Earlier in the week, Canton shut out John Glenn, 4-0, in Westland. Stephanie Sadek (above) earned the win from the circle.

Lacrosse

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in the third but the rest of the way. The offense continued their good fortune in the third with three goals from French, Cote and Groat. Savino, Sorenson and Cote recorded the assists on the

tallies.

The three goals were enough to put the game away, 6-4.

"We overcame a slow start and finished quite strong," Costello said.

"Our defense did a great job after the first quarter. We limited their chances and played with purpose."

The Warriors' other win last

week was a 12-4 romp at Tecumseh last Tuesday.

Gubert led the Warriors with four goals. Groat scored three and Cote two in the win. Pat Goulet, Underwood and Savino each scored a goal. Brian Walsh had eight ground balls.

The Warriors host Northville in the first round of the state tournament at 6:30 p.m. today.

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SPORTS

Coaches corner: 'Q' and 'A' with 1st-year Salem track coach

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

It's not always easy stepping into a new role as head coach in any sport. First-year Salem track coach Kyle Meteyer sat down and shared his experiences—both struggles and rewards—with The Journal Newspapers. He tells us what to watch out for in the future as he helps build the Rock track program.

How would you describe your first year as a head coach?

My first year could be summarized by saying that I didn't realize I would have to change my legal address to the Salem track. I spent so much time out there, because with our young team, our guys needed so much extra attention. The time I put in was extremely rewarding—not in the form of medals or ribbons, but in the form of smiles on the kids' faces and their optimism and enthusiasm for what's ahead.

Was this year tougher or more exciting than you imagined?

It was both. Track teams are large and I knew that coming in. But the logistics of keeping track of 65 kids' split times, events and personal needs was a challenge for me. As far as excitement goes, it was tremendously satisfying and exciting to be back in track and field. I missed it dearly and I'm thankful that I can be a part of this wonderful sport once again.

What were some of the difficulties you faced this season?

We didn't have a lot of depth on the team this year and there are a lot of kids at Salem not running track who should. I've told my kids that we need to get as many talented athletes out for this team in the future as possible. Coaches (Bob) Richardson (Canton) and (Kurt) Britnell (Plymouth) have done a great job of recruiting athletes (from other sports at their schools) onto their teams and Salem needs to learn from that.

The effort my kids put forth was amazing this year but depth wins track meets and that's what we need to work on next year.

How will you overcome that in the future?

Salem has a new football staff, a lot of talented young athletes and several struggling programs, to be frank. I believe that I can work with these coaches to get more talented young men out there for our team

and that we can work symbiotically to improve all of our athletic programs. As track begins improving, we'll see improvement in other programs as well such as soccer, football and basketball. No other sport does as much for the fitness of its athletes as track and field. And if Salem kids want to start winning in all sports, it begins in lane one.

Who were some of the stronger performers for you this season?

Our top point scorer was Baze Efremov. Baze is an excellent hurdler, sprinter and long jumper. The whole team rallied around him and loved to see him win. In fact, the track team enjoys singing a song with his name to the tune of the European soccer anthem.

Also, Jimmy Walsh and Dan Kapadia led our distance athletes. They were the moral leaders of the team.

We also had a lot of up-and-coming young athletes. I'd estimate that about 40 percent of our varsity lineup was sophomores and freshmen. If these guys continue to work as hard as their bodies will let them, they will be rewarded with success.

Who will be some of your notable losses to graduation this year?

Dan Kapadia, Jimmy Walsh, Trevor Rice, Justin Blazo and Tommy Anderson are our graduating seniors. Although it is a small group, their leadership will be missed and I wish the best for each of them in the years to come. They know they have a spot on the coaching staff should they want to return. We will also miss Jason Hyde. He's a pole-vaulter, and also did a nice job this year. We could count on him for consistent points in dual meets.

Who is the future of Salem track?

One of the most improved runners this year was Adam Kashoro. Adam's academic and athletic performance jumped significantly this season and I can't wait to see how he develops next year.

Also, I'm ecstatic about some of our young distance runners' performances this year, especially Kevin DeBear, Craig Cowing, Rob Curtis, Justin Kane, Scott Dreaver and Brandon Goble. Curtis is around 4:50 in the mile and Craig and Keven are at 10:40 in the 3200. Look for them in the future.



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SPORTS

Softball

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The Lady Mustangs served up an 11-2 victory against West Bloomfield in the first match on Saturday.

Dumbleton earned the win with six strikeouts.

It was a well-rounded win offensively with just about everyone contributing.

Elise Fleishaker went 3-for-3; Zima went 3-for-4; Hughes and Lewis each went 2-for-3; Rounsifer went 2-for-4; and Wise, Emily Doren, Badeen and Dumbleton each added a hit.

The Lady 'Stangs rallied behind their total team effort in game one of the tournament and battled Lincoln Park to a 2-1 win in the second installation of the tournament.

Allison Holmes won this one from the circle for Northville. She sat down seven potential hitters in the outing.

Kelly Lockman was instrumental on offense. She went 2-for-2 with an RBI. Wise was 1-for-3 with an RBI. Hughes, Rounsifer and Lisa Mueller all added hits.

Northville ran into some trouble when they matched up against Ladywood—one of the top teams in the state—for its third game on Saturday.

Despite striking out six batters, Dumbleton recorded the loss. Lockman and Fleishaker each had hits and Samantha

Doud scored the only run, courtesy running for Rounsifer.

Dumbleton and crew bounced back on Sunday morning when they took on the Plymouth Lady Wildcats. Northville came out on the winning end of the 4-0 affair.

Dumbleton earned the shutout victory, allowing only four hits and earning three strikeouts. Hughes was a force from the plate. She went 3-for-4 with two runs scored and an RBI. Rounsifer was also solid, going 2-for-3 with two RBIs.

Northville couldn't keep its momentum going in the second game of the second day of the tournament.

Errors led to two unearned runs and a 3-2 defeat for the Mustangs against Marine City.

"This was a tough loss," Fox said. "Two of their three runs were unearned. Had we made some basic throws to stop them from getting extra bases, we would have won. We had a couple of base running errors. That just can't happen. The base running is what really hurt our offense."

Holmes suffered her first loss of the season with the game. She threw six strikeouts and gave up one earned run. Lockman had a clutch two-out hit that scored the team's two runs. Hughes, Fleishaker, Rounsifer, Zima, Badeen, Mueller and Holmes each had a hit.

Northville, along with every other team in the state, will start district competition next week, following Memorial Days.

Baseball

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make mistakes we will be tough to beat. Any team that does that will be tough to beat," he added. "If defense and pitching stays consistent you're going to win games. We've been consistent with both."

On Thursday, Northville mercied Wayne, 11-1, in six innings to wrap up the Western division crown, which was first on the team's list of goals to accomplish.

Spencer earned the win from the mound. He pitched a three-hitter with seven strikeouts and two walks.

Thomas had the big hit for the day with a three-run homer in the sixth. He also had a double in his four times at bat. The powerhouse has better than a .530 average, according to Kostzrewa.

Jenney was a perfect 3-for-3 with an RBI. Junior Dominic Benavides went 2-for-4 with a double and an RBI. Joe Mitchell was 2-for-3.

Northville is now at 23-6 overall, 13-1 in the conference and undefeated, 9-0, in the division.

Northville traveled to Walled Lake Central for the Conference championship on Wednesday but the results were unavailable at press time.

The Mustangs lost to Central in the second game of the season. They were mercied, but that was a long time ago.

"It was early in the season," Kostzrewa said. "I had a lot of new faces on the team. I'm very pleased with the improvement we've made during the course of the year. This is a good group of hardworking guys and it's been fun. I think we're coming together at the right time."

The long weekend left Northville grasping at Canton's shoestrings as they fell, 4-3, on Monday night.

Northville was up 3-1 going in the fourth inning until Canton's Brad Barath ripped a three-run double to put the Chiefs up 4-3. Canton held on the rest of the way for the victory.

Thomas kept his above-.500 average going. He went 2-for-3 with a double and two RBI—both in the second frame. Patterson was 2-for-3 with a double.

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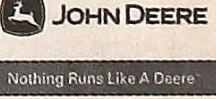
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BUSINESS

HandyPro marks 10th anniversary

Jason Carmel Davis
Staff Writer

In 1996, Keith Paul saw a potential business opportunity in the handyman services market and opened HandyPro Handyman Services with one full-time handyman.

Today, after 10 years in business, the company has 13 handymen working at the Plymouth location—995 S. Main St.—and has used franchising opportunities to add four locations in Dallas, Honolulu, Minneapolis and Ann Arbor.

“We actually started out of our house in Romulus,” said Keith Paul, president and founder of HandyPro Handyman Services. “We moved to Plymouth about eight months after that since (Plymouth) is where most of our business was coming from.”

The company won’t celebrate for long. HandyPro is making a push to double the franchise locations by the end of this year.

“We are finding that as the baby boomers become empty nesters, they want to spend more time traveling or with leisure activities, and less time doing home maintenance,” Paul said. “That gives business like ours even more opportunities to help

people get the small jobs done around their home so they can enjoy their spare time doing other things.”

Paul said the company began offering franchises in 2000, but the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks and a struggling economy impacted the sale of additional franchises. However, with the economy picking up nationwide and additional franchise marketing efforts, the number of potential franchisees has increased dramatically.

“We’re expanding our franchise marketing on the Internet and through franchise brokers, and that has resulted in some very good candidates for franchise locations,” Paul said.

Paul said the company is talking with potential franchises in places such as Florida, Ohio, New York, Michigan, Kentucky and Pennsylvania. The cost of getting the franchise rights to a 100,000 home territory is \$25,000, and the company also offers two unique franchising features—a success guarantee and a capped-royalty program.

Paul said the best potential franchisees are people with marketing, management, or sales experience who want to run a handyman service business.

“People who are currently



Phandyprocutline: Since establishing his business 10 years ago, Plymouth handyman Keith Paul has serviced several homes in the Plymouth area. Paul’s company does everything from painting to carpentry, drywall and gutters.

handymen are not our target, because they want to do the work, not run the business,” he said. “Our franchisees are people who have either worked in corporate situations or run their own businesses, and see the potential for success in the expanding handyman services industry.”

Paul added that while HandyPro is looking to expand nationwide, there is still availability for two more franchise locations in Metro-Detroit.

“Even though Michigan’s economy is down, we have con-

tinued to grow each year since 2002,” he said. “People still need to maintain their homes, especially when they can’t afford to build a new home. That provides us with plenty of opportunities for continued growth in the Detroit-area.”

Paul added that the Plymouth area still gives him his most business.

“The people who we work for are our neighbors and friends,” Paul said. “That makes it easier for them to do business with us. The area’s been very good to us. We’re not moving.”

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Hockey season may have heard a final buzzer, but there’s plenty going on at the Compuware Sports Arena in Plymouth Township.

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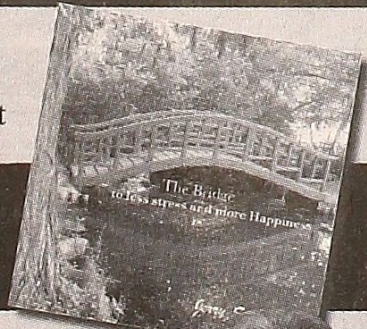
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1. Obituaries

GAMBLE, Michael Clark, age 46, of Brownstown, May 16, 2006. Beloved son of Hester and the late David Gamble. He is also survived by 1 brother and 1 sister. A Memorial service will be held Saturday at 4:00 PM at the home of Hester Gamble. Arrangements by Michigan Memorial Funeral Home (next to Michigan Memorial Park), 30895 Huron River Dr., Huron Twp. (734) 783-2646. Interment is private.

KIRDA, Mary E., age 86 of Romulus, May 15, 2006. Beloved wife of John. Loving mother of John (Mary) Kirda, Michael (Sherri) Kirda and Melina Kozyn. Dearest grandmother of 7 and great-grandmother of 10. She was preceded in death by her parents, 2 brothers and 1 sister. Funeral service was May 18th at Michigan Memorial Funeral Home (next to Michigan Memorial Park), 30895 Huron River Dr., Huron Twp., (734) 783-2646. Interment in Michigan Memorial Park.

2. In Memoriam



Michael Keith Miller
May 24, 1955
July 31, 2005

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Someday the answers to "Why" and "What if" won't be so important. But for today... we will be sad.

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VINSON, Billy J., age 66 of Romulus, May 17, 2006. Beloved husband of Mary Ann. Loving father of Kimberly (Edward) Fritz, Billy Joe Vinson, Jr., Mario M. Chavez-Vinson and Laura Chavez. Dearest grandfather of 2. He is survived by five brothers and seven sisters. He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother. Arrangements by Michigan Memorial Funeral Home (next to Michigan Memorial Park), 30895 Huron River Dr., Huron Twp. (734) 783-2646.

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Be it known to all men and/or interested parties, the Inkster Housing Commission gives proper and due notice that any and all possessions belonging to RITA WILLIAMS, 30118 Carlisle, Unit #6725, Inkster, MI 48141, who passed away May 18, 2006, will become property of the Inkster Housing Commission, unless otherwise properly claimed and removed in five (5) days.

Be it known to all men and/or interested parties, the Inkster Housing Commission gives proper and due notice that any and all possessions belonging to CHARLES SCOTT, 27444 Moore Circle, Unit #3496, Inkster, MI 48141, who passed away May 5, 2006, will become property of the Inkster Housing Commission, unless otherwise properly claimed and removed in five (5) days.

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44-305-06

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44-306-06

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44-307-06

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44-308-06

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44-348-06

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44-358-06

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1G3NL52T5VM342741
44-281-06

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44-247-06

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44-245-06

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2B3HD46R1YH296952
44-265-06

1995 Jeep ST
1J4GZ78Y3SC602894
44-288-06

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D13BE8J510296
44-287-06

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44-292-06

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44-313-06

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Just one serving of peanut butter — two tablespoons — provides eight grams of protein, two grams of fiber, 10 percent of the USDA Reference Daily Intake (RDI) of vitamin E and 12 percent of the RDI of magnesium. Additionally, the USDA's new MyPyramid recognizes the importance of varying dietary protein sources and suggests that peanut butter, along with nuts and other nut butters, may be substituted for meat or poultry in meals. Peanut butter is cholesterol free and contains zero grams of trans-fats per serving.

"When consumed as part of a balanced diet and exercise regimen, the dietary fat in peanut butter promotes satiety, or a feeling of fullness, a factor that can curb hunger and contribute to weight loss," according to Kelli Calabrese, *Personal Fitness Professional's* 2004 Personal Trainer of the Year for Online Training.

Today's grocery store is full of a wide variety of peanut butters to meet everyone's tastes and dietary needs, from crunchy to creamy, from sweetened to natural. For your next meal or snack on the go, open a jar of your favorite variety of peanut butter and see what two tablespoons can do for you.

For more ways to enjoy peanut butter, visit www.smuckers.com or www.jif.com. For more fitness tips from Kelli Calabrese, visit www.kellicalabrese.com.



Peanut Chicken Lettuce Roll-Ups



Strawberry Banana-Nut Breakfast Bruschettas

TIPS

- Get creative with a peanut butter sandwich and add ingredients like shredded coconut, honey, chopped apples, shredded carrots or diced celery.
- Combine peanut butter with high-fiber foods, like whole grain bread or apple slices, for a satisfying snack.
- Oil separation occurs in natural peanut butter, so simply stir the oil back in to fully enjoy the product.
- Keep a jar handy at work or in the gym bag to curb hunger pangs.

Peanut Chicken Lettuce Roll-Ups

Preparation time: 15 minutes, Cooling time: 45 minutes

- 1 (3 ounce) package ramen noodles (any flavor)
- 1/2 cup Crisco® No-Stick Cooking Spray
- 1 1/2-inch piece peeled fresh gingerroot, grated
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 3 tablespoons Smucker's® Natural Creamy Peanut Butter
- 1/3 cup rice vinegar
- 1/4 cup reduced-sodium soy sauce
- 2 cups coarsely chopped cooked chicken
- 1/2 cup chopped red bell pepper
- 1/2 cup chopped water chestnuts
- 4 green onions, sliced diagonally into 1/4-inch slices
- 2 tablespoons chopped cilantro
- 12 leaves green leaf lettuce, washed and dried
- 1 cup Smucker's Low Sugar Sweet Orange Marmalade, if desired

Break ramen noodles, save flavor packet for another use if desired. Cook noodles according to package directions; drain. Spray a large nonstick skillet with no-stick spray. Add ginger and garlic and cook on medium-high heat 1 minute. Add the peanut butter, rice vinegar and soy sauce, stirring over medium heat until well combined. Remove pan from heat. Add chicken, noodles, peppers, water chestnuts, onions and cilantro. Mix to combine well. Cool; cover and refrigerate. To serve, top each lettuce leaf with noodle salad; turn in sides and roll up. If desired, heat 1 cup marmalade in a microwave-safe bowl on HIGH (100-percent power) for 20 seconds or until melted. Serve as a dipping sauce for roll-ups.

Makes 12 rolls

Peanut Butter and Banana Cream Smoothie

Preparation time: 10 minutes

- 1/3 cup Jif® Reduced Fat Creamy Peanut Butter
- 1/3 cup mashed ripe banana
- 1-1/2 cups premium low-fat sugar-free vanilla ice cream
- Lite or fat-free whipped topping

Combine peanut butter, banana and ice cream in blender container. Cover and blend until smooth. Pour into two tall glasses. Garnish with whipped cream, if desired.

Makes 2 servings

Asian Noodles With Chili-Nut Sauce

Preparation time: 10 minutes, Cooling time: 10 minutes

- 3 tablespoons Smucker's Natural Chunky Peanut Butter
- 1/4 cup reduced-sodium soy sauce
- 1 to 2 tablespoons Chinese chili oil
- 1/4 cup rice vinegar
- 2 tablespoons dark brown sugar
- 1 (10-ounce) package Chinese wheat noodles or 1/2 pound package whole wheat spaghetti, cooked according to package directions
- 4 green onions, sliced diagonally into 1/4-inch slices
- 1/2 cup chopped red bell pepper
- Toasted sesame seeds for garnish

Combine peanut butter, soy sauce, chili oil, rice vinegar and brown sugar in large bowl. Stir to blend well. Toss drained noodles with chili-nut sauce, onions and peppers. Cool noodles to room temperature. To serve, place noodles on serving platter, garnish with sesame seeds.

Note: Chinese chili oil and wheat noodles are available in your grocer's Asian food aisle.

Makes 6 servings

Variation: Add 2 cups chopped cooked chicken.



Asian Noodles With Chili-Nut Sauce

Strawberry Banana-Nut Breakfast Bruschettas

Preparation time: 25 minutes

- 1 loaf French baguette bread
- 1 cup cold skim milk
- 1 (4 serving size) package banana crème fat-free sugar-free instant pudding & pie filling
- 1/4 cup Simply Jif® Creamy Peanut Butter
- 1/2 cup chopped ripe banana
- 1/2 cup chopped fresh strawberries, drained
- 1/2 cup chopped pineapple, drained
- Ground cinnamon
- Fresh lemon juice

Cut bread into slightly angled 1/4 wide slices. Brown slices on both sides under broiler. Whisk together milk and pudding mix until lump-free. Add peanut butter mixing until well combined. Just before serving, combine fruit. Spread a scant tablespoon of pudding mixture on each bruschetta; top with 1 tablespoon of mixed fruit. Garnish with a sprinkling of cinnamon; serve immediately.

Note: To avoid discoloration of bananas, sprinkle with fresh lemon juice after chopping.

Makes 12 servings (2 slices each)

Soon to wed

Hermatz-Kelley to wed

Erica Lynn Hermatz and Kevin Kelley are engaged to be married.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Dennis and Patricia Hermatz of Wayne.

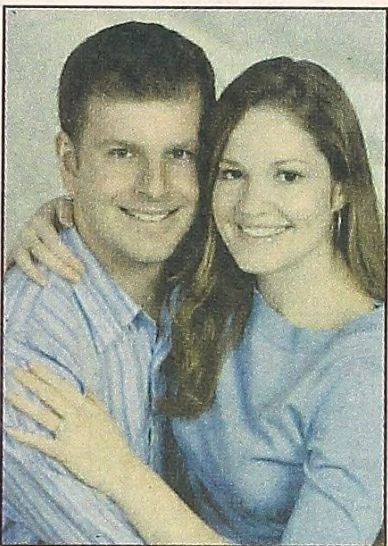
She is a 1995 graduate of John Glenn High School and a 1999 graduate of the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor.

She earned her Juris Doctorate degree from the Santa Clara University School of Law in 2002 and is presently employed by the Littler Mendelson Law Firm in San Jose, CAL.

The future groom is the son of Drs. Walter and Virginia Kelley of Auburn, ALA.

He is a graduate of Auburn High School and graduated from Rice University in Houston, TX. Her earned his masters and PHD in exercise physiology at Auburn University in Alabama.

The couple, residents of Campbell, CAL., plan to wed in October in Los Cabos, Mexico. An Oct. 28 reception is planned in Plymouth.



Kevin Kelley and Erica Lynn Hermatz

Knope-Roehm will marry



Paula Knope and Jeffrey Roehm

Paula Knope and Jeffrey Dean Roehm are engaged to wed.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Doris Gwitt of Belleville and the late James Gwitt.

She is a 1968 graduate of Huron High School in New Boston and is currently a student at Wayne County Community College. She expects to receive her dental degree in July.

The future groom is the son of Eugene Roehm of Britton and Karyl Kyser of Henderson, NC.

He is a 1986 graduate of Bay Shore High School in Bradenton, FL and is currently employed as a millwright at Severstal, NA.

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